

## CALENDAR

- 10/18 Parent to Parent Event  
7:00 p.m. (Pike School)  
Viewing: *Screenagers Under the Influence*
- 10/20 All-School Meeting  
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 10/20 Pizza Lunch
- 10/24 UN Day Luncheon
- 10/26 Book report due
- 10/27 All-School Meeting  
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 10/27 Halloween Fair  
3:30 p.m. (American Room)
- 10/31 Halloween - No Enrichment
- 11/3 PACE Diwali Celebration  
3:30 p.m. (American Room)
- 11/9 Grandparents and Special Friends Day
- 11/9 Pizza Thursday
- 11/10 No School (Veterans Day)
- 11/13-14 Parent Teacher Conferences (No School)
- 11/22-24 Thanksgiving Break

## Our Classroom



The students enjoyed their first group snack on Monday, October 2! The first year students worked together to prepare a delicious snack of apple slices and sun butter. They then served them to the rest of the class. This will be something we do every Monday morning in order to practice social graces. This is also an element of practical life; it teaches students about measuring, proportions, food preparation, and coming together as a community to enjoy a meal.



Once a month, the learning specialist will come in and give a Slumberkins lesson which focuses on helping the child in your life connect to their emotions, express their feelings, and develop a strong sense of self.

This month the students heard about the character hammerhead shark and how they use conflict resolution to solve their problems. The students then drew their own picture of a time they solved a conflict, identifying what the conflict was and what tools they used to solve it.

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## Math

The students have been working on identifying place value. The students received an impressionistic lesson using the Hierarchical Material that showed place value to the millions place. As an extension, the first years practiced place value to the thousands place using the Golden Bead Material. The second and third years practiced place value using Infinity Street. Infinity Street is a material that students use to build numbers to the millions place.



## Writing

In our current writing unit, the students have been working on Personal Narratives. They have learned how to generate ideas by thinking of a person or a feeling or emotion they've had. After they generated their stories, they broke them down from a watermelon idea to a seed idea. The students are currently making their first draft and will receive weekly lessons on how to incorporate new writing techniques into their stories.



## Cultural

As part of our cultural lessons, the students have been learning about the parts of a flag. They have created a wall chart and a definition booklet that define each part of the flag. The students have also learned about the significance of the symbols and colors on a flag. As an extension, students have been given the opportunity to sort flag nomenclature cards that have to do with the United State's flag and how it has changed over the course of time.



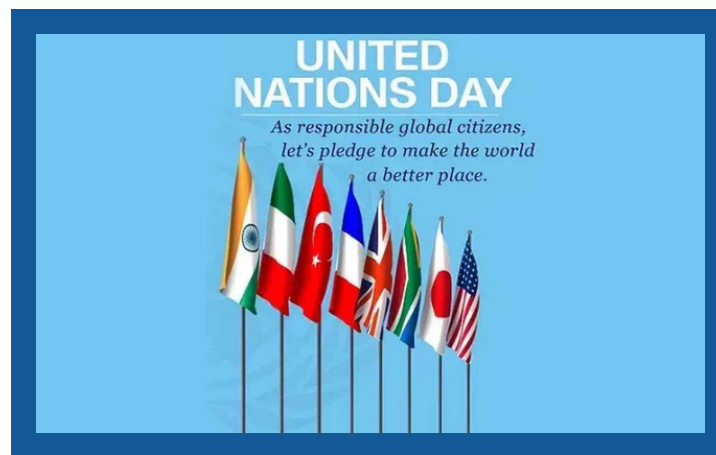
## Geography

As part of our geography curriculum, the students have had the opportunity to work with the Nature of the Elements. The Nature of the Elements are experiments that relate to the First Great Lesson: The Creation of the Universe. The students have learned how different elements on Earth change and how they interact with each other. Pictured to the left, a student is working with the experiment “More with Solid, Liquid, and Gas.” This experiment helped the students gain the understanding that there is air pressure outside of the cup and it is greater than the air pressure inside the cup.



## Looking Ahead...

Just as a reminder, our UN Day Luncheon is coming up on October, 24. A sign-up sheet will be going out asking for volunteers to bring in a dish from your families culture. We will also need help with setting up and decorating tables beforehand, serving food during the luncheon, as well as cleaning up and breaking the tables back down at the end of the event.



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